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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 26 February 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 26 May 2002. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 26 June 2002 is attached hereto, along with the required fee.

Applicants express their appreciation for the consideration and thoughtfulness extended their undersigned representation and the Patent Counsel for assignee Agensys in an interview 20 March 2002. The discussion at the interview was most helpful, and the enclosed amendments are believed consistent with the discussion at that time.

Claims 1-10, 12, 13 and 15-19 were rejected and claim 11 was objected to. Claims 6 and 19 were not rejected over the art. It is believed that the amendments to the claims are completely responsive to the grounds for rejection. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosed are the following Exhibits: Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Specification and Claims; Exhibit B. Currently Pending Claims After Entry of the Present Amendment.